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HIGHWORTH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

To the Chairman and Members of the Highworth Rural District Council

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my Annual Report on the health of the District for the year 1966.

I wish to thank the Chairman and members of the Public Health Committee for their support on public health matters. I also wish to thank Mr. A.G. Underwood, the Chief Public Health Inspector, and his staff for their ready co-operation and help given me during the year, and the Health Visitors working in this District for their assistance in environmental problems.

C.P.B. PARRY

Medical Officer of Health

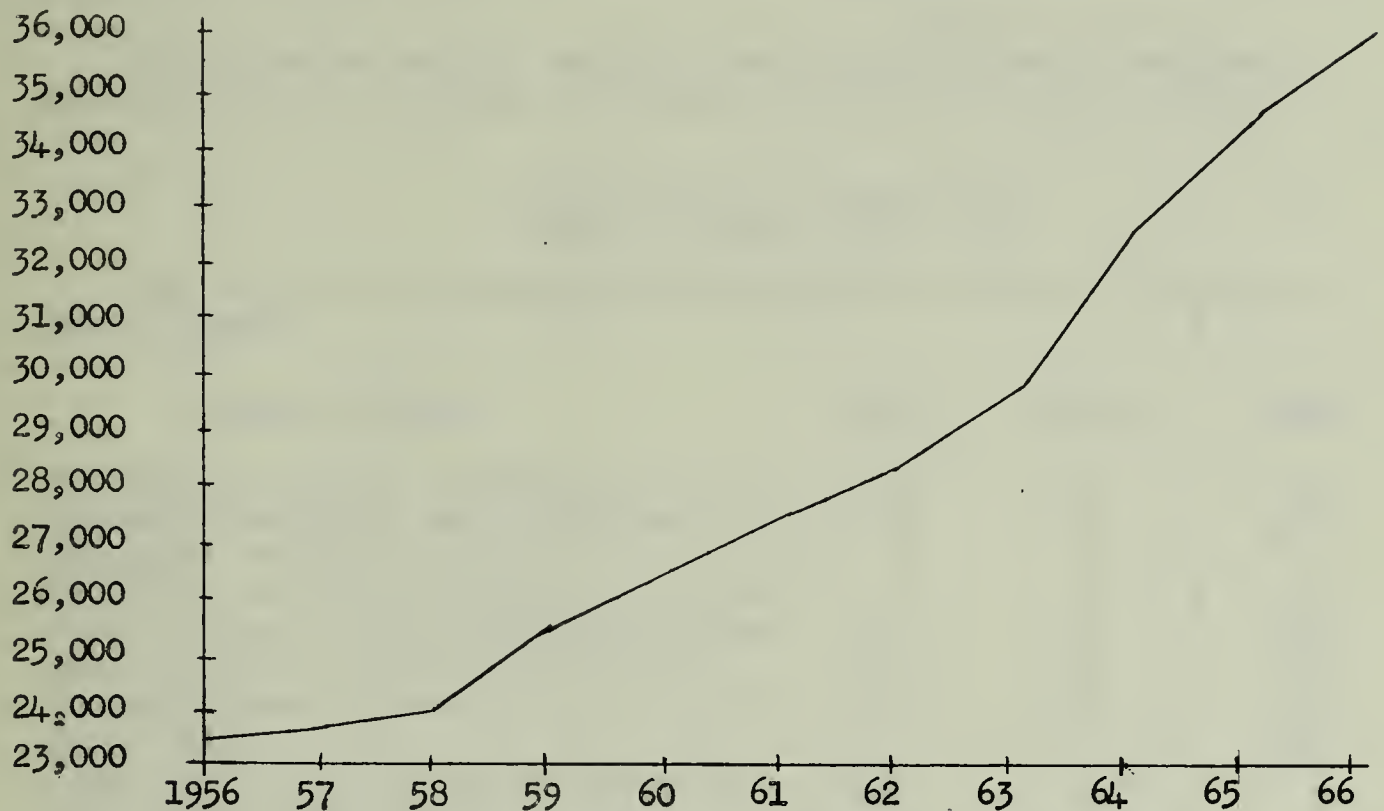


## GENERAL STATISTICS

Area of the District (acres)	..	..	48,549
Estimated population (mid-year)	..	..	35,900
No. of inhabited dwellings at 31.12.66	..	..	12,269
Rateable Value	..	..	£1,891,027

As can be seen from the following graph, the population of this Rural District has increased quite considerably since 1956, when the figure was 23,500.

Population



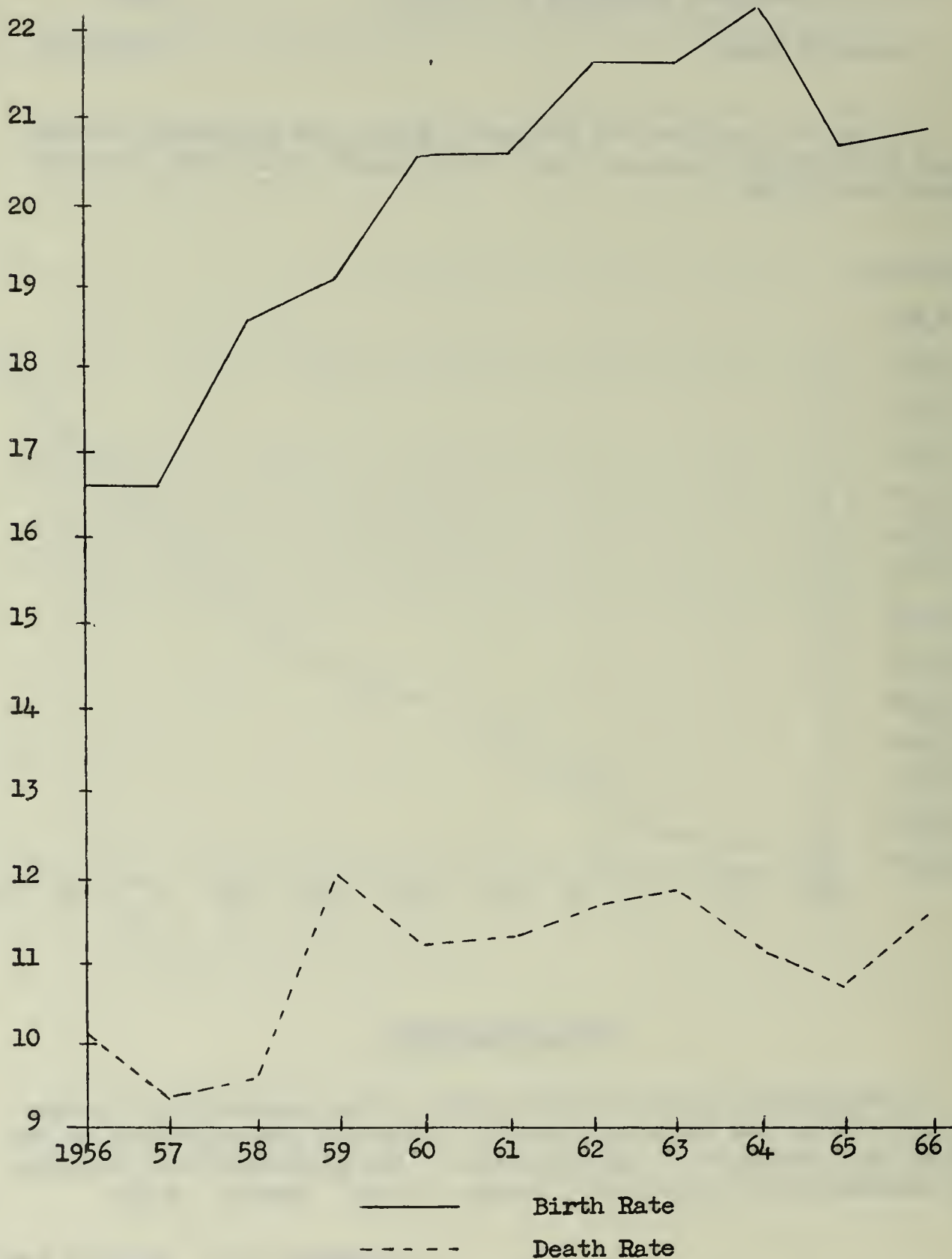
## VITAL STATISTICS

In calculating birth and death rates, area comparability factors are provided by the Registrar General to correct irregularities in the age and sex structure of the population. For Highworth Rural District the comparability factors are: births - 0.84; deaths - 1.03.

	<u>Highworth R.D.</u>	<u>England &amp; Wales</u>
Birth Rate per 1,000 population	20.82	17.70
Death Rate per 1,000 population	11.65	11.70

The birth rate for the Rural District is higher than that of England and Wales, but the death rate is very similar. The following graph shows the trend for both birth and death rates over the past ten years in Highworth Rural District.

Rate per thousand  
Population



The birth rate has shown a steady rise from 1957, reaching a peak of 22.33 in 1964. The death rate has remained fairly constant over the years.



	Legitimate		Illegitimate		Total
	M	F	M	F	
Live Births	448	401	21	20	890
Still Births	6	9	-	-	15
Deaths under 1 year	12	3	-	-	15
Deaths under 4 weeks	10	1	-	-	11
Deaths under 1 week	8	1	-	-	9

It should be noted that there were 15 deaths under one year, out of a total of 890 births.

This gives an infant mortality rate of 16.85, which compares favourably with the figure for England and Wales, which is 18.90.

#### CAUSES OF DEATH DURING 1966

The figures given below are taken from the Registrar General's Annual Report:

<u>Causes of Death</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Malignant neoplasm, stomach.....	6	5	11
Malignant neoplasm, lung (bronchus).....	16	2	18
Malignant neoplasm, breast.....	1	7	8
Malignant neoplasm, uterus.....	-	2	2
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms..	18	14	32
Vascular lesions of Nervous System.....	26	35	61
Coronary Artery Disease.....	38	18	56
Hypertension.....	3	10	13
Other heart and circulatory disease.....	32	45	77
Respiratory Tuberculosis.....	4	2	6
Influenza.....	1	3	4
Diabetes.....	2	3	5
Pneumonia.....	11	18	29
Bronchitis.....	15	7	22
Other Infective and Parasitic diseases...	0	0	0
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum.....	1	0	1
Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea.....	1	1	2
Hyperplasia of Prostate.....	1	-	1
Congenital Malformations.....	3	1	4
Other Defined and Ill-defined diseases...	19	17	36
Motor Vehicle accidents.....	5	3	8
All other accidents.....	5	1	6
Suicide and Homicide.....	3	4	7
	<u>211</u>	<u>198</u>	<u>409</u>

## Malignant Disease

There was a total of 71 deaths from this cause - or 17% of the total - the same percentage as in the previous year.

There were 10 deaths of persons under the age of 55, including 2 children who died from Leukaemia.

Cancer of the lung caused 18 deaths, compared with 10 in 1965 and 17 in 1964.

## Cardio-Vascular Disease

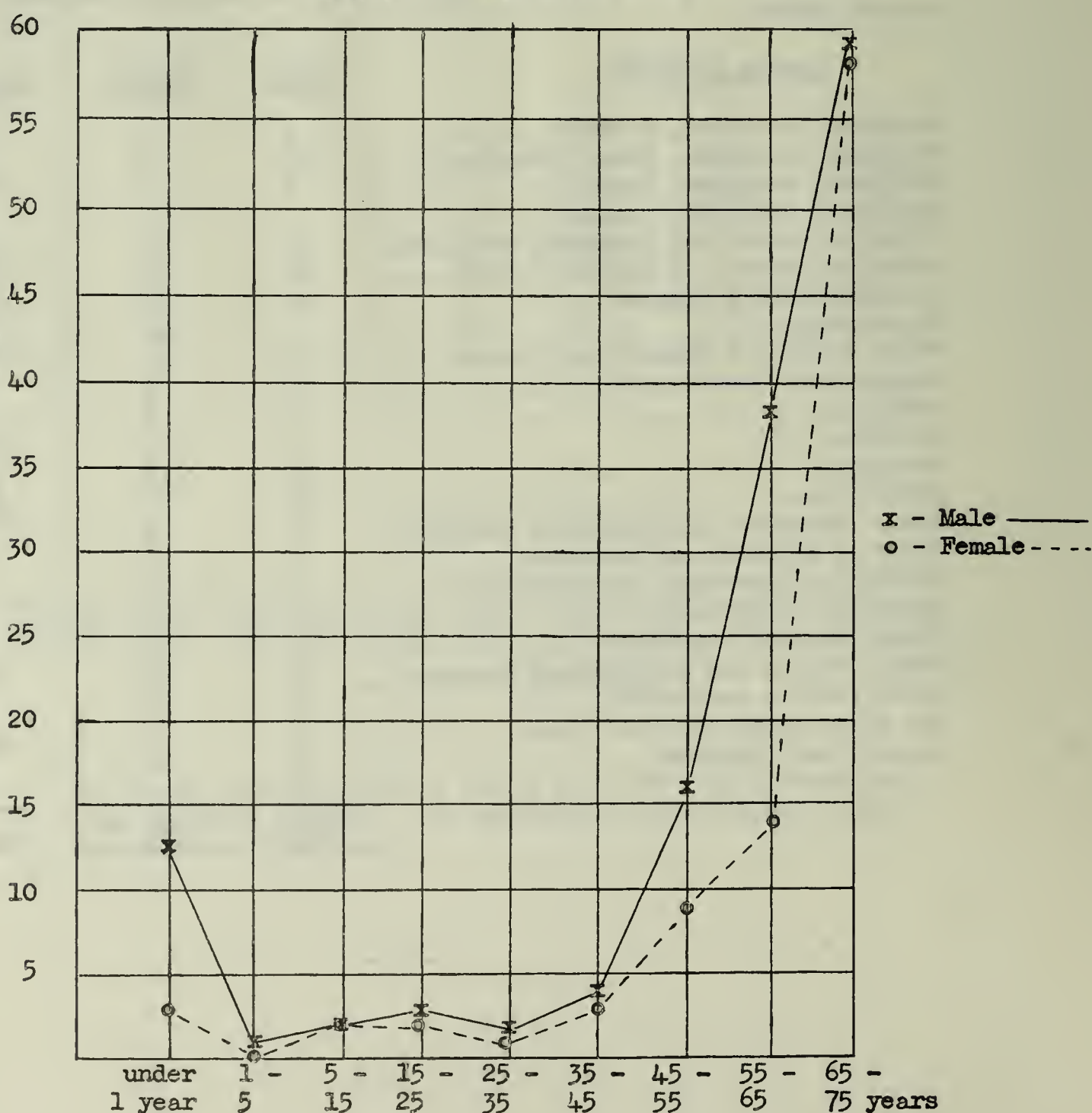
This group of diseases caused just over half the deaths in the District. As might be expected, the majority were over 65 years of age; out of a total of 207 deaths from this cause, only 39 were under 65.

## Respiratory Disease

Pneumonia and Bronchitis caused 51 deaths; only 2 were under 65 years of age.

In spite of the outbreak of Influenza at the beginning of the year, there were only 4 deaths from this cause - all elderly people.

Deaths in Age Groups





The following points should be noted from the graph on the preceding page:

1. In all age groups, with the exception of the over 75's, more males died than females. In the over 75 age group, not shown on the graph, 106 females died compared with 74 males. This, of course, was due to the survivors being predominantly female.

2. Deaths under one year (infant mortality) numbered 15. Causes of death were:

Chest infections	...	...	2
Congenital Malformations	...	...	4
Other Conditions (including prematurity)	...	...	9

3. In the 1 - 15 age group, there were 5 deaths, 3 from accidents and 2 from Leukaemia.

4. In the 15 - 25 age group, there were also 5 deaths, including 4 from accidents.

5. In the 25 - 35 age group, there were 3 deaths: suicide 1, cancer of the lung 1, and diabetes 1.

6. In the 35 - 45 age group, there were 7 deaths:

Heart disease	...	...	2
Accidents	...	...	2
Suicide	...	...	2
Homicide	...	...	1

7. In the 45 - 55 age group, there were 25 deaths:

Cardio-vascular disease..	...	...	11
Malignant disease	...	...	7
Chest infections	...	...	2
Accidents	...	...	1
Other causes	...	...	4

8. In the 55 - 65 age group, there were 52 deaths:

Cardio-vascular disease..	...	...	26
Malignant disease	...	...	17
Chest infections	...	...	2
Suicide	...	...	2
Enteritis	...	...	1
Accident	...	...	1
Other causes	...	...	3

9. In the 65 - 75 age group, there were 117 deaths:

Cardio-vascular disease..	...	...	56
Malignant disease	...	...	28
Chest infections	...	...	13
Tuberculosis	...	...	4
Diabetes	...	...	2
Influenza	...	...	1
Enteritis	...	...	1
Peptic Ulcer	...	...	1
Suicide	...	...	1
Accidents	...	...	2
Other causes	...	...	8

10. In the over 75 age group, there were 180 deaths:

Cardio-vascular disease..	...	112
Chest infections	...	32
Malignant disease	...	17
Influenza	...	3
Diabetes	...	2
Prostate	...	1
Tuberculosis	...	1
Accident	...	1
Other causes	...	11

The deaths in each age group follow the pattern of the whole country. For example, there was a comparatively high number of deaths under the age of one year, due to the hazards of the new-born infant, and accidents were an important cause of death in children and young adults. Over the age of 45, cardio-vascular disease was the most important cause of death and, while malignant disease was the second commonest cause between the ages of 45 and 75, it can be seen that in the over 75 group it was not so important, causing but 11% of the deaths.

#### NOTIFIABLE AND INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The following table shows the incidence of notifiable diseases in the Rural District during the following five years:

		<u>1955</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>
Scarlet Fever	...	14	27	24	15	10
Whooping Cough	...	67	37	3	29	4
Poliomyelitis	...	2	3	-	-	-
Measles	...	360	5	36	378	695
Diphtheria	...	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	...	5	60	50	6	3
Pneumonia	...	2	10	1	-	5
Tuberculosis	...	38	15	16	12	10
Paratyphoid Fever	...	-	-	1	1	-
Typhoid Fever	...	-	1	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	...	6	4	8	2	4
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	1	5	2	2	2
Meningitis	...	-	-	-	-	1

#### Whooping Cough and Diphtheria

The general decline in the number of cases of whooping cough continues and no case of diphtheria was notified last year. These facts must reflect the success of immunisation against these diseases. The last case of diphtheria in this Rural District was notified in 1945.

#### Poliomyelitis

For the sixth year running, no case of this disease was notified. Once again, this points to the efficiency of modern immunisation procedure.



### Measles

There was a large number of cases of measles during 1966. The disease tends to occur on alternate years, as the following figures show:

1960	...	5
1961	...	523
1962	...	16
1963	...	514
1964	...	36
1965	...	378

Therefore, one would have expected 1966 to have been comparatively free of the disease. However, this was not so, and 1966 saw large numbers of cases being notified throughout the District. The epidemic started in Highworth at the beginning of October, spreading to Stratton during the next two months. By the end of the year some 695 cases had been notified, of which 310 were in Stratton, 221 in Highworth and 67 in Wroughton, the remainder occurring in other parts of the District. At the end of the period under review the epidemic was continuing unabated, although now mainly affecting the Southern part of the District, including Chiseldon and Wroughton.

### Tuberculosis

The incidence of tuberculosis continues to decline, there being only ten cases notified last year - the lowest on record. This, in spite of the greatly increased population of the District.

### Influenza

At the beginning of the year, there was an outbreak of influenza affecting most of the Rural District. It was due to virus type B, was mild in nature and tended to affect children more than adults. Influenza is not a notifiable disease, but one could roughly gauge the extent of the epidemic by the absentee rate in the schools. This was highest in infant and junior schools; the worst hit parish was Highworth.

### Smallpox

During the year there was an outbreak of variola minor in the Midlands. One of the cases had stayed at a Youth Hostel in the Lake District during Easter, resulting in over 300 possible contacts of the disease. Two of these contacts lived in Stratton, but the risk was so slight that no action was taken beyond informing the local family doctors.

### Brucellosis

There was one known case of brucellosis during 1966. This is not a notifiable disease but in this case I was informed by the family doctor. This extremely unpleasant but rarely fatal disease occurs throughout the country in small numbers. The exact numbers are not known for, as I have already said, it is not notifiable. However, a rough guide can be obtained from data issued by the Public Health Laboratory Service. They reported 124 cases in 1964 and 123 cases in 1965.



## NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT (SECTION 47)

In May, an 89 year old man living in the Rural District was admitted to hospital under this Act. The story was as follows:

For many years the man had lived alone in his own house, receiving casual help from friends and neighbours. A well-known character, he was often to be seen cycling around the neighbourhood on an aged bicycle. At the beginning of the year his health began to fail, and on Sunday, 1st May, he locked himself in his house and ignored all callers. Eventually, after he had not been seen for some 48 hours, the Police were called and entry to the house was made. The house was extremely filthy and filled with rubbish. There was no running water and but one light. The only clean things to be seen were the old gentleman's eating utensils, which, strangely enough, had been carefully cleaned and dried. The man was lying on a bed of rags, extremely dirty, very feeble and obviously in need of urgent medical care. All efforts to persuade him to enter hospital were of no avail and so Section 47 of the National Assistance Act (Amended 1951) was enforced, and the old man was admitted to hospital in the early hours of 3rd May. The ambulance trip was, in itself, an event, as he stated that it was his first trip ever on public transport.

This Act, which requires two medical signatures and that of a Justice of the Peace, allows for the removal to hospital for a period not exceeding three weeks. On Tuesday, 17th May, an application was made to the County Magistrates for this period to be extended by three months. This application was granted.

The old man died contentedly in hospital on 6th July, having refused all treatment.

## IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION

I am indebted to the County Medical Officer of Health for the following figures for immunisations and vaccinations carried out in the Highworth Rural District during 1966:

### Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus

Year of Birth		1966	1965	1964	1963	1962	1957-1961	1951-1956	Others under 16
Primary imms. completed during 1966	Diph.	505	380	16	9	10	24	1	-
	Wh/c.	490	374	15	7	2	4	1	-
	Tet.	505	380	16	11	11	57	50	5
Reinf. injects. administered during 1966	Diph.	-	195	455	48	37	379	7	-
	Wh/c.	-	88	218	23	20	94	3	-
	Tet.	-	195	465	49	39	415	41	1

Age Group	Months				Years		
	0-3	3-6	6-9	9-12	1	2-4	5-15
Vaccinations	4	7	21	14	284	55	26
Re-vaccinations	-	-	-	-	-	6	41

Poliomyelitis

GROUP	3rd. Quad.	2nd. inj.	3rd. inj. or 4th Quad.	4th inj.	3 Oral doses	2 Orals after 2 inj.	4th Oral after 3 inj. or 3 Oral
1966	-	-	-	-	449	-	-
1965	-	1	-	-	642	6	47
1964	-	1	-	-	85	12	32
1963	-	-	-	-	33	-	6
1962	-	-	-	-	21	1	27
1957 - 1961	-	-	-	-	71	34	459
1951 - 1956	-	-	-	-	5	2	15
Others under 16	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Others over 16	-	-	-	-	75	1	1
TOTALS	-	-	-	-	1382	56	588

Primary Diphtheria Immunisations

	1965 Babies immunised up to 31.12.1966	1965 births	%
Highworth R.D.	752	843	89.2
Wiltshire County	7,671	9,135	84.0

It should be noted that most of these children who received diphtheria immunisation would, at the same time, have been immunised against whooping cough and tetanus, as it is common practice to use a vaccine containing all three antigens.

The above figures show that the percentage immunisation rate for the District compares very favourably with that of the County as a whole, and the importance of maintaining such a high standard cannot be too strongly stressed if the present decline of these infectious diseases is to continue.

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# REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

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for the year

1966

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE HIGHWORTH RURAL  
DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting to you my 22nd Annual Report on the administration of the Public Health and Housing Departments.

During the year the upward trend in population and the high rate of development continued, this was particularly noticeable in the larger Parishes, however, with the adequate staff being maintained it was possible to keep abreast of the necessary high standard of routine duties and inspections called for by statute.

I do hope that factual information contained in my Report will be of benefit and assistance to both old and new Councillors alike, and may I once again record my sincere thanks to Mrs. Constable, the Chairman of the Public Health Committee and all members of the Public Health and Housing Committees for their continued support, courtesy and understanding of the problems which occur in this department during the year.

Team work is the key note in the Housing and Public Health Departments and I am fortunate in having staffs where the team spirit is of high order and I owe them a debt of gratitude for the continued co-operation and support in 1966.

The Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Parry, continues to extend to me at all times his co-operation, advice and guidance in all things medical and in the interest of Public Health for which I am deeply grateful.

A.G. UNDERWOOD

Chief Public Health Inspector  
and Housing Officer.

## SECTION ONE:

### WATER SUPPLIES

Practically the whole of the District is supplied by public mains by Swindon Water Undertaking. None of the supplies is plumbo-solvent. Where it has been found necessary from bacteriological examination, owners of private supplies have been requested to install chlorination plants or filtering equipment.

No major problems have arisen over water supplies during the year.

### WATER SAMPLING

The chemical analysis results on the following pages give the fluoride content of each of the waters analysed.

A number of private supplies gave unsatisfactory results during the year. The trouble was generally found to be due to breakdown or lack of attention to the supplies and eventually the trouble was put right.

A spring serving two houses at Sevenhampton gave unsatisfactory results over a period and it is hoped that the Agents of the Estate will be in a position to provide some alternative supply at an early date.

The one private well giving an unsatisfactory result came to light as a result of an improvement grant application. A filtering unit is to be installed to enable a satisfactory supply of drinking water to be obtained.

The one public main sample giving an unsatisfactory result was due to a contaminated spring supply being mixed with the mains water. The spring water was used by a farmer to supplement the mains water, which had very poor pressure because of the distance from the public main to the farm. When the spring supply was sealed off and the pipelines chlorinated the mains supply of water gave a satisfactory result.



PARISH	POPULATION IN HOUSES	TOTAL NO. OF HOUSES	SOURCE OF SUPPLY	HOUSES ON PIPED WATER INDOORS	% PIPED IN- DOORS	HOUSES ON O/DOOR S/TAPS	HOUSES ON WELLS	% HOUSES ON WELLS OR S/TAPS
BISHOPSTONE	598	198	Lammy Down - Church Comm. Ogbourne, Swindon Corp. (Hinton supply)	196	98.9	2	15	8.69
BLUNSDON	1,733	594	Latton - Swindon Corp.	594	100	-	-	-
CASTLE EATON	301	77	Ashton Keynes-Swindon Corp.	77	100	-	12	15.58
CHISELDON (does not inc. service personnel in camps, etc.)	2,891	825	Ogbourne - Swindon Corp. Burderop Estate Reservoir	825	100	-	1	0.12
HANNINGTON	270	70	Latton - Swindon Corp.	70	100	-	6	8.57
HAYDON WICK	1,489	555	Latton - Swindon Corp.	555	100	-	1	0.18
HIGHWORTH	4,043	1,458	Latton - Swindon Corp.	1,458	100	-	2	0.14
INGLESHAM	129	39	Latton - Swindon Corp.	39	100	-	1	2.56
LIDDINGTON	346	116	Ogbourne - Swindon Corp.	113	97.41	3	1	3.45
SOUTH MARSTON	562	176	Latton - Swindon Corp.	172	97.71	-	4	2.28
STANTON FITZWARREN	206	70	Latton - Swindon Corp.	70	100	-	-	-
STRATTON ST. MARGARET	15,991	5,130	Latton - Swindon Corp. Ogbourne - Swindon Corp.	5,130	100	-	-	-
WANBOROUGH	2,120	764	Foxhill - Foxhill Estates	763	99.87	1	-	0.13
WROUGHTON (does not inc. service personnel in camps etc.)	7,109	2,197	Ogbourne - Swindon Corp.	2,195	99.91	2	-	0.09
TOTALS:-	37,788	12,269		12,257	99.91	8	43	0.42

DETAILS OF ALL WATER SAMPLES TAKEN  
IN THE VARIOUS PARISHES

PARISH	TOTAL NO. OF SAMPLES TAKEN CHEMICAL AND BACTERIOLOGICAL	TOTAL NO. SATISFACTORY	TOTAL NO. UNSATISFACTORY
Bishopstone	14	8	6
Blunsdon	2	2	-
Castle Eaton	2	2	-
Chiseldon	6	5	1
Hannington	3	2	1
Haydon Wick	6	2	4
Highworth	11	4	7
Inglesham	-	-	-
Liddington	-	-	-
South Marston	-	-	-
Stanton Fitz.	-	-	-
Stratton St. Margaret	2	2	-
Wanborough	12	8	4
Wroughton	-	-	-
TOTAL:-	58	35	23

SAMPLING AND ANALYSIS OF PUBLIC SUPPLIES

No. of samples submitted for bacteriological examination	8
"    "    " giving unsatisfactory results	... .. 1
"    "    " submitted for chemical analysis	... .. 3
"    "    " giving unsatisfactory results	... .. Nil
"    "    " submitted for fluoride test	... .. 3

PRIVATE SUPPLIES

PARISH	TOTAL NO. SAMPLES TAKEN	TOTAL NUMBER SATISFACTORY	TOTAL NUMBER UNSATISFACTORY
Bishopstone	13	7	6
Chiseldon	5	4	1
Hannington	3	2	1
Haydon Wick	6	1	5
Highworth	11	5	6
Wanborough	5	3	2
TOTAL:-	43	22	21

SAMPLING AND ANALYSIS OF PRIVATE SUPPLIES

No. of samples submitted for bacteriological examination	43
"    "    " giving unsatisfactory results	... .. 21
"    "    " submitted for chemical analysis	... .. 3
"    "    " giving unsatisfactory results	... .. Nil
"    "    " submitted for fluoride test	... .. 3

### INDIVIDUAL WELL SUPPLIES

PARISH	TOTAL NO. SAMPLES TAKEN	TOTAL NUMBER SATISFACTORY	TOTAL NUMBER UNSATISFACTORY
Wanborough	1	-	1

### SAMPLING AND ANALYSIS OF INDIVIDUAL SUPPLIES

No. of samples submitted for bacteriological exam.	1
" " " giving unsatisfactory results	1
" " " submitted for chemical analysis	Nil

### SUMMARY OF ALL SAMPLING

Total number of samples submitted for  
bacteriological examination from public,  
private and individual supplies ... 52

Total number of samples submitted for  
chemical analysis from public, private  
and individual supplies ... 6

Total number of samples submitted for  
fluoride test ... 6

TOTAL NUMBER OF SAMPLES TAKEN: 58

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### SECTION TWO:

#### INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD, FOOD PREPARING PREMISES AND FOOD SHOPS

##### LICENSED PREMISES

Several of the Licensed premises have been modernised and redecorated during the year and every co-operation has been received from breweries and occupiers in complying with requirements.



## FOOD SHOPS - GENERAL

These premises are now inspected where there are employees, under the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963 as well as under the Food Hygiene Regulations, 1960. The influence of the Supermarket is being shown in the increase of self-service stores and the pre-packing of many types of provisions, cheese, meats and meat products and vegetables. The general standard of hygiene is good throughout the District.

## COMMUNAL CATERING PREMISES

The establishment during the year of three new school kitchens, a restaurant and a factory canteen brings the total number of catering premises to 41.

Apart from two cases in which some difficulty was experienced in securing satisfactory hygienic conditions, premises in general were very good, particularly in the school kitchens and modern factory canteens.

## FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

Food complaints were received as follows:-

1. Black greasy objects in a bottle of milk.
2. Mould on pork luncheon meat.
3. Dirt in milk bottle.
4. Fly in a bottle of vinegar.
5. Foreign matter in wrapped loaf.
6. Discolouration of block of ice cream.
7. Dirty milk bottle.
8. Meat pie from a vending machine.
9. Mould on corned beef.

With the exception of Nos. 3, 4, 8 and 9, all complaints were fully reported to the Public Health Committee. Court proceedings were not taken in any of the complaints received, but in the instances reported to the Public Health Committee, strong warning letters were sent to the Managements concerned.



## FOOD PREMISES

There are 235 food premises in the District many of which fall into several categories, i.e. general provisions, sweets and confectionery and ice-cream, all being sold at one shop. The following list gives the details for each parish and the nature of business carried out at each of the premises:-

PARISH	NO. OF FOOD PREMISES	TYPES  * indicates also sell ice-cream
BISHOPSTONE	7	1 Fruit and Vegetable Store 2 Public Houses 3 General Provisions (2*) 1 Bakery
BLUNSDON	12	2 Public Houses (1*) 5 General Provisions (4*) 1 Poultry Packer 1 Garage (1*) 1 Licensed Club 1 Works Canteen 1 Hotel
CASTLE EATON	2	1 Public House * 1 General Provisions
CHISELDON	18	6 Public Houses (4*) 7 General Provisions (5*) 1 Licensed Club 1 Bakery 1 School Meals Depot 1 Garage * 1 Butcher
HANNINGTON	2	1 Public House 1 General Store *
HAYDON WICK	9	2 Public Houses 3 General Provisions (2*) 2 Confectioners (1*) 1 Fried Fish Shop 1 Licensed Club
HIGHWORTH	40	6 Public Houses 12 General Provisions (9*) 7 Confectioners (4*) 2 Butchers 1 Fried Fish Shop 1 Licensed Club 1 Bakery 1 Slaughterhouse 1 Premises used for Storage only 2 School Canteens 3 Cafes 2 Hotels 1 Works Canteen

PARISH	NO. OF FOOD PREMISES	TYPES
		* indicates also sell ice-cream
INGLESHAM	2	1 Cafe 1 Youth Hostel
LIDDINGTON	3	2 Public Houses 1 General Provisions *
SOUTH MARSTON	5	2 Public Houses 1 General Store * 1 Garage 1 Works Canteen
STANTON FITZ.	1	1 General Provisions 1
STRATTON	89	9 Public Houses (3*) 24 General Provisions (19*) 4 Butchers 1 Poultry Packer 1 Chemist 5 Bakeries 6 Greengrocers (3*) 9 Confectioners (5*) 3 Fried Fish Shops 1 Wholesale Grocer 2 Licensed Clubs 1 Canning Factory 2 Slaughterhouses 1 Off Licence * 1 Garage * 6 School Canteens 1 Hospital 1 Hostel 1 Welfare Home 1 Cafe 1 Restaurant 10 Works Canteens 1 School Meals Depot
WANBOROUGH	13	7 Public Houses 3 General Provisions (3*) 1 Poultry Packer 1 Butcher 1 Baker
WROUGHTON	32	7 Public Houses (1*) 1 Licensed Club 12 General Provisions (8*) 2 Greengrocers 1 Baker 3 Butchers 3 Confectioners (2*) 1 Fish and Chip Shop * and General Store 1 School Canteen 1 Works Canteen 1 Chemist

TOTAL NUMBER OF FOOD PREMISES - 235

PREMISES REGISTERED UNDER SECTION 16  
OF THE FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

Premises used for the preparation or manufacture of sausages, potted, pressed, pickled or preserved foods	...	11
Premises registered for the manufacture and sale of ice-cream	...	0
Premises registered for the storage and sale of ice-cream	...	89
TOTAL NUMBER OF PREMISES REGISTERED:-		100

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## PREPARATION AND SALE OF ICE-CREAM

There are no ice-cream manufacturers in the area, but 89 premises were registered for the sale and storage of ice-cream at the end of 1966.

Six ice-cream samples were taken during the year but due to fault at Laboratory, these were not subjected to Methylene Blue Test.

All ice-cream sold from premises in the district is prepared from large manufacturers.



### SECTION THREE:

MILK SUPPLIES: MILK AND DAIRIES REGULATIONS,  
1959, MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATION) REGULATIONS,  
1963, MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATION) (AMENDMENT)  
REGULATIONS, 1965

Under the powers delegated by the Wilts. County Council, the sampling of milk and the inspection of Dairies and Milk Distributors was continued throughout the year.

All samples of milk which failed one of the appropriate tests were followed up by repeat samples until satisfactory results were obtained.

Sampling of milk for Brucella Abortus continued throughout the year and no new cases were discovered. The frequency of sampling for this purpose was increased during the year by the Wilts. County Council from every three months to monthly.

157 inspections of dairies and milk distributors were made. The previous high standard was maintained and no action was necessary.

Routing bottle rinse samples were taken throughout the year to check the one licensed distributor in the District selling untreated milk and they were mainly satisfactory.

No. of distributors registered in	
the district	35
No. of producer/retailers in the district	
registered as dairy farmers by the	
Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries	
and food	4
No. of dairies registered in the district	6
No. of dealers licences	39
No. of producer/retailers licences granted	
by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries	
and Food	4



## SECTION FOUR:

### MEAT INSPECTION

#### General

As a result of a material change affecting the abattoir at Stratton St. Margaret, it was necessary in the last month of the year to employ the full-time meat inspector at these premises and to apportion the work of inspection formerly undertaken by him at the Bacon Factory between the two District Inspectors.

The circumstances relating to both premises are detailed below.

#### ABATTOIR, STRATTON ST. MARGARET.

The nature and the amount of work undertaken for the last few months of 1965 continued relatively unchanged until June when the premises closed.

Plans were deposited on behalf of prospective new occupiers for major works of reconstruction, extension and alteration to allow for increased production. In view of anticipated slaughter for export, veterinary officers of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food visited the premises to advise on the standards required by European importing countries. The necessary works were undertaken during the last six months of the year and on the 8th December the slaughterhouse re-opened.

For the first three weeks of operation (the last in the current year) only approximately half the intended eventual slaughtering staff were employed, but the throughput, although limited, necessitated the re-deployment of Inspectors referred to above. So far, animals slaughtered have been principally fat cattle and lambs. This is expected to continue and it is anticipated that full production will be achieved early next year.



With regard to the meat inspection figures in the table following, the substantial number of total condemnations of cows and sheep is due to the high proportion of casualty animals and old breeding stock slaughtered in the first six months of the year. The increase in the figure for cattle affected with disease other than tuberculosis, however, is the result only of a higher incidence of liver fluke in animals slaughtered at the end of the year.

#### BACON FACTORY, STRATTON ST, MARGARET

Output rose again during the current period, the total animals slaughtered being some 6,000 more than in the previous year. The annual increase over the past four years can be seen from the statistical table below.

A significant change occurred in the early part of the year, since when the factory has been engaged principally in the production of pork pigs to the exclusion of bacon and handling methods resulted in a marked fall in the rate of throughput. This, coupled with the increase in slaughtering, has meant appreciably more time spent on meat inspection at these premises than heretofore.

The proposed new lairage accommodation referred to in last year's Report has been provided and this will overcome the problem of overcrowded pigs awaiting slaughter in future.

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THE INCIDENCE OF DISEASE (WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO TUBERCULOSIS) IN  
PIGS SLAUGHTERED AND EXAMINED AT THE ST. MARGARET WILTSHIRE BACON FACTORY LIMITED

1963 - 1966

	1963	1964	1965	1966
Number of pigs killed and examined	19,542	35,952	46,493	52,565
<u>All diseases except tuberculosis:</u>				
Whole carcasses condemned	48	108	138	132
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	3,562	6,459	8,961	9,210
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis	18.5%	18.3%	19.6%	17.8%
<u>Tuberculosis only:</u>				
Whole carcasses condemned	Nil	3	9	7
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	547	1,004	1,622	1,417
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	2.8%	2.8%	3.5%	2.7%

CARCASES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART

	CATTLE EXCLUDING COWS	COWS	CALVES	SHEEP & LAMBS	PIGS	HORSES
Number killed	611	577	14	5,672	52,594	-
Number inspected	611	577	14	5,672	52,594	-
<u>All diseases except tuberculosis and cysticerci:</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	4	33	3	193	133	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned						
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	172	270	3	3,014	9,212	-
	28.8%	52.5%	42.9%	56.5%	17.8%	-
<u>Tuberculosis only:</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	7	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	1,419	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	2.7%	-
<u>Cysticercosis:</u>						
Carcases of which some part of organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-

CARCASES AND ORGANS CONDEMNED IN ALL  
SLAUGHTERHOUSES IN THE DISTRICT

Beasts and all organs	...	37
Carcase meat	...	4,721 lbs.
Heads	...	7
Lungs	...	52
Livers	...	301
Part Livers	...	84
Hearts	...	12
Kidneys	...	26
Skirts	...	1
Sheep and all organs	...	193
Carcase meat	...	106 lbs.
Lungs	...	2,648
Livers	...	2,715
Part Livers	...	21
Hearts	...	26
Kidneys	...	7
Pigs and all organs	...	140
Carcase meat	...	7,661 lbs.
Heads	...	1,291
Plucks	...	833
Livers	...	2,183
Lungs	...	4,631
Hearts	...	1,167
Spleens	...	323
Intestines	...	955
Flecks	...	490
Kidneys	...	622
Calves and all organs	...	3
Carcase meat	...	3 lbs.
Plucks	...	2

VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF UNSOUND FOOD

During the year the following foodstuffs were inspected and found to be unfit for human consumption. Surrender notes were issued to the retailers concerned:-

1,639	lbs.	pork shoulders
34	lbs.	pork legs
148	lbs.	beef
5	lbs.	stewing meat
2	lbs.	canned pork luncheon meat
9	lbs.	" pork shoulder
9 $\frac{3}{4}$	lbs.	" corned beef
13 $\frac{1}{2}$	lbs.	" Pears
6 $\frac{1}{2}$	lbs.	" Pineapple
1 $\frac{3}{4}$	lbs.	" Peaches
75 $\frac{3}{4}$	lbs.	" Grapefruit
15 $\frac{1}{2}$	lbs.	" Orange Juice
3	lbs.	" Pineapple Juice
4	16 oz.	tins Evaporated Milk

## POULTRY INSPECTION

Two small poultry packing establishments were in operation at the commencement of the year. The one at Blunsdon was only being used intermittently and eventually closed down.

The one-man business in Wanborough consisted of the weekly slaughter of a few hens from the local market and occasionally broiler chickens reared by the occupier. Visits on the days of slaughter were made to the premises and a system of inspection of suspect birds carried out on the times indicated in Ministry Circular 22/61.

Relevant figures are set out below:-

Type of Bird	Number slaughtered	Number condemned	Total Weight
Hens	649	11	22 lbs.
Broilers	1,030	Nil	-
Chickens	161	Nil	-

## FOOD SAMPLING

Regular monthly sampling of meat products from the meat canning factory at Stratton St. Margaret has continued throughout the year. Samples were submitted to the local Pathological Laboratory and all the results proved satisfactory.

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SECTION FIVE:

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

List of Factories in the District

Aero manufacturers and repairs	...	...	1
Agricultural crop driers	...	...	1
Bakers and confectioners	...	...	2
Bakery Depot	...	...	0
Brewing and mineral waters	...	...	1
Brickmaking	...	...	1
Blacksmiths	...	...	1
Boot and shoe repairs	...	...	2
Cabinet making and carpentry	...	...	3
Carpet and mat manufacturers	...	...	1
Concrete and concrete block manufacturers			1
Electronics	...	...	2
Electro-plating	...	...	1
Engineers, including repairs to motor vehicles and motor cycles	...	...	26
Export packing	...	...	1
Food canning	...	...	1
Joinery, wheelwright, undertakers and woodworkers	...	...	7
Knackers Yard	...	...	1
Laundry	...	...	1
Metal sorting	...	...	2
Motor body and caravan builders	...	...	2
Painting and phosphating	...	...	2
Plant hire and maintenance	...	...	3
Printers	...	...	1
Record player manufacturers	...	...	1
Radio and television repairs	...	...	0
Sausage manufacturers	...	...	1
Saw mills	...	...	0
Slaughterhouse with allied trades		...	2
Wood box manufacturers	...	...	1

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FACTORIES ACT, 1961

1. Inspections

Factories in which Section 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities

Factories not included in above, in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority

Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)

TOTAL:

NUMBER ON REGISTER	INSPECTIONS	WRITTEN NOTICES	OCCUPIERS PROSECUTED
1	-	-	-
68	23	-	-
-	-	-	-
69	23	-	-

2. Cases in which defects were found

Want of cleanliness, Section 1  
Overcrowding, Section 2  
Unreasonable temperature, Section 3  
Inadequate ventilation, Section 4  
Ineffective drainage of floors, Sec. 6.  
Sanitary Conveniences, Section 7:-  
a) Insufficient  
b) Unsuitable or defective  
c) Not separate for sexes  
Other offences against the Act  
(excluding outworkers)

TOTAL:

FOUND	REMEDIED	REFERRED TO H.P. INSPECTOR	REFERRED BY H.P. INSPECTOR	NO. OF CASES IN WHICH PROSECUTIONS WERE INSTITUTED
-				
-				
-				
-				
-				
2				
-				
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# OUTWORKERS

54 persons were notified during the year as engaged in outwork. On inspection all conditions were found to be satisfactory.

NATURE OF WORK	NUMBER OF OUTWORKERS	NO. OF CASES IN DEFAULT IN SENDING LISTS TO COUNCIL	NO. OF PROSECUTIONS FOR FAILURE TO SUPPLY LISTS	NO. OF INSTANCES OF WORK IN UN- WHOLESOME PREMISES	NOTICES SERVED	PROSECUTIONS
Plastic baby pants, pina- fores and nylon bonnets	6					
Tailoring	11					
Letter file manufacture	37					
TOTAL:	54					

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## OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

In the district at the present time are 132 premises which come within the scope of the Act, all of which are registered. Two of these premises are still in the course of construction and these apart, all have been inspected since the Act came into force.

Routine inspection of 16 premises was carried out in the year and no great problems were encountered.

### Administration

One Public Health Inspector is responsible for the inspection and registration of premises and this occupies him for a small part of his time. The amount of time devoted to the clerical side by other staff, namely one typist, is a very small proportion of her work.

General co-operation was received from both employers and employees and advice has been given on plans deposited with the Council for new offices and shops to avoid the need for alterations after completion.

### Enforcement

Apart from new premises not yet fully occupied, all premises have been inspected since the Act came into force. During 1966 only 16 visits were made and conditions at these premises were satisfactory. Light Meter Readings were taken during these visits and the particulars are included in a separate report.

Six accidents were reported by occupiers during the course of the year. These were due to:-

Falls on same level	...	...	2
Knocking against or treading			
on objects	...	...	2
Lifting goods	...	...	1
Falls from one level to another			1

None of the injuries were fatal. Those sustained were:- fractured collar bone, foot punctured by nail, injury to shoulder, bruising, dizziness, abrasions and bruising to leg.

No prosecutions were taken during the year.

A statistical report is given on the attached Table.



Number of Inspectors appointed under Section 52(1) or (5) of the Act	...	1
Number of other staff employed in most of their time on work in connection with the Act	...	None
Number of visits of all kinds by Inspectors to registered premises	...	16
Number of exemptions granted or refused under the Act	...	Nil
Number of prosecutions instituted	...	Nil
Number of complaints made under Sec. 22		Nil
Number of interim orders granted	...	Nil

### Lighting

Lighting of all premises visited was of a good standard, fluorescent tube lighting being the most commonly encountered, particularly in food shops. Lighting of passages and non-working areas was generally less than that provided in working areas but no evidence of poor lighting was found. No specific advice regarding standards of lighting has been given to occupiers, only general advice that the lighting must be adequate.

No instances of excessive glare have been noticed.

### Office Premises Illumination, in Lumens per Square Foot at Working Level

Only two offices were inspected during the year.

More than 15, less than 25	-	1
More than 25	-	1

In shops the shopping areas were all above 20 lumens per square foot but away from these areas, the illumination varied from 10 lumens per square foot up to 25 lumens per square foot.

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REGISTRATIONS AND GENERAL  
INSPECTIONS

CLASS OF PREMISES	NUMBER OF PREMISES REGISTERED DURING THE YEAR	TOTAL NUMBER OF REGISTERED PREMISES AT THE END OF YEAR	NUMBER OF REGISTERED PREMISES RECEIVING A GENERAL INSPEC- TION DURING THE YEAR
Offices	3	19	3
Retail Shops	1	88	12
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	-	9	1
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	-	16	-
Fuel storage depots	-	-	-
TOTAL:	4	132	16

ANALYSIS OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN REGISTERED

PREMISES BY WORKPLACE

CLASS OF WORKPLACE	NUMBER OF PERSONS EMPLOYED
Offices	550
Retail Shops	249
Wholesale departments, warehouses	313
Catering establishments open to the public	86
Canteens	14
Fuel storage depots	-
TOTAL:	1,212

TOTAL MALES: 412  
TOTAL FEMALES: 800

## SECTION SIX:

### PUBLIC HEALTH GENERAL

#### SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The information on this item was kindly supplied  
by the Engineer and Surveyor

#### Wanborough - Stage I

The Sewage Works came into operation on 17th October, 1966. Some 1931 yards 9" and 6393 yards 6" foul sewer have been laid, with 1289 yards 4" lateral connections to connect some 143 properties and the Council Estate at Warneage Green. The Works is already producing a satisfactory effluent, which it is felt can be improved as the micro-organisms multiply.

The Specification and Bills of Quantities have been prepared for Stage II and are ready to go to tender immediately permission is obtained from the Ministry. It is anticipated that a contractor could start in the Spring.

#### Haydon Wick

Throughout the year the drainage system of Haydon Wick has been renewed. A completely new foul system has been provided, draining all the foul sewage to the pumping station at Green Meadow and thence to Rodbourne Works. Thus a completely separate surface water system has been created and the opportunity taken to enlarge the old system. All the sewage is now flowing to Rodbourne and the old Haydon Wick sewage disposal works has been dismantled and filled in.

#### Estate Sewers

During 1966, some 5346 lin. yards of foul sewers and 132 No. manholes on private housing estates have become vested in the Council.

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# D R A I N A G E

PARISH	NUMBER OF HOUSES IN 1966	N U M B E R       O F				H O U S E S	
		ON PUBLIC SEWER	PERCENT- AGE	SEPTIC TANK OR CESSPOOL	PERCENT- AGE	NO PROPER DRAINAGE	PERCENT- AGE
BISHOPSTONE	198	83	41.92	98	49.49	17	8.59
BLUNSDON	594	504	84.84	52	8.77	38	6.39
CASTLE EATON	77	56	72.72	21	27.27	-	-
CHISELDON	825	742	89.94	54	6.54	29	3.52
HANNINGTON	70	26	37.15	37	52.85	7	10.00
HAYDON WICK	555	542	97.66	10	1.80	3	0.54
HIGHWORTH	1,458	1,363	93.48	86	5.90	9	0.62
INGLESHAM	39	-	-	32	81.00	7	19.00
LIDDINGTON	116	28	24.14	65	56.03	23	19.83
SOUTH MARSTON	176	78	44.32	71	40.34	27	15.34
STANTON FITZWARREN	70	66	94.28	4	5.72	-	-
STRATTON ST. MARGARET	5,130	5,107	99.56	23	0.44	-	-
WANBOROUGH	764	491	64.27	206	26.97	67	8.76
WROUGHTON	2,197	2,109	95.98	48	2.18	40	1.84
TOTAL:	12,269	11,195	91.27	807	6.57	267	2.16



### COMMON LODGING HOUSES

There are no registered common lodging houses in the Council's area.

### OFFENSIVE TRADES

#### Marshgate Works, Stratton Road, Stratton St. Margaret

Large building operations and re-development of the site commenced during the year and it is envisaged that these together with the installation of new plant and the innovation of new and improved handling methods, will be completed by mid 1967. This will make the plant one of the most up-to-date in Europe, for the handling and processing of animal by-products. The firm are to be complimented on their foresight in this project.

#### Gut Scraping Premises, off Swindon Road, Wroughton

This business situated in a very isolated position, continues to operate in a very small way. No nuisance was observed during the year.

### DISEASES OF ANIMALS (WASTE FOODS) ORDER, 1957

Only 5 small "boiling plants" are now in operation in the District. All were inspected during the year and found to be satisfactory.

### CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1960

One site received a licence during the year for an increase in the number of caravans, making a total of 112 vans on the site.

Work continued on two other sites which received licences the previous year for increases in the numbers of caravans, although neither was completed by the end of the year.

A number of very minor contraventions of site licensing conditions were observed during the year, but as soon as the site operators were notified, they took steps to rectify them. The majority of the sites however maintained their previous standards.

SUMMARY OF CARAVANS IN THE DISTRICT AS AT  
31ST DECEMBER, 1966

P <sub>ARISH</sub>	INDIVIDUAL SITES	MULTIPLE LICENSED SITES	NO. OF CARAVANS ON MULTIPLE LICENSED SITES
Bishopstone	-	-	-
Blunsdon	4	2	108
Castle Eaton	-	-	-
Chiseldon	-	-	-
Hannington	-	-	-
Haydon Wick	3	-	-
Highworth	2	-	-
Inglesham	-	-	-
Liddington	1	-	-
Stanton Fitzwarren	-	-	-
South Marston	-	1	2
Stratton St. Margaret	1	5	52
Wanborough	3	1	2
Wroughton	1	2	45
TOTAL:	15	11	209

## RODENT CONTROL

### General

The routine treatment of notified and surveyed infestations continued as in previous years. It was noticeable that although the numbers of houses treated was considerably reduced, the numbers of trade premises and agricultural premises showed a large increase. This can probably be attributed to the discontinuance of charging for treatment at these premises. The fact that these types of premises if left unchecked, often develop into reservoirs of infestations, spreading out to infest neighbouring houses, makes the discontinuance of charging well worth while.

Two particularly bad infestations came to light on agricultural land. They were both very similar in that they were two depressions which were being used by a number of farmers as rubbish dumps. It was possible to see twenty or thirty rats running about and feeding on the corn etc. which had been dumped there. The co-operation of the farmers concerned was obtained and they promised to stop the tipping of rubbish. A course of treatment was carried out and at the worst infestations at the height, more than one hundred weight of poison was being put down per visit. After a number of weeks, the infestation was contained and when the treatment was finished, the banks were covered with soil and the whole site fenced off with barbed wire to prevent illegal tipping of rubbish.

Routine inspections of the Council's refuse tip and sewage works were carried out, but no large infestations were recorded. The sewers were all treated but very little evidence of rats was found.

The Rodent Operator reported during the year that he wished to retire at the end of the year. In view of this another appointment was made. The two operators worked together until the end of the year, thereby giving the new operator a good grounding of the District and enabling him to take over straight away by himself at the end of the year.

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	COUNCIL INSTALLATIONS	HOUSES	TRADE PREMISES	TOTAL	AGRICULTURAL
Properties inspected on complaint	-	193	46	193	16
FOUND INFESTED					
Rats	-	-	-	-	1
Minor	-	146	26	138	15
Major	-	-	-	-	-
Mice	-	38	21	49	1
Properties Surveyed	98	39	28	150	24
FOUND INFESTED					
Rats	-	-	-	-	-
Minor	27	15	13	54	13
Major	-	-	-	-	-
Mice	-	-	2	2	-
Total Inspections	116	783	197	993	132
Total Treatments	27	164	114	243	23
Block Treatments	-	4	-	4	-



## SECTION SEVEN:

### REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

A weekly kerbside collection was maintained during the year despite a big increase in the number of properties.

The earlier part of the year saw considerable difficulties in obtaining suitable labour. As a result of this a large amount of time was devoted to working out a financial incentive bonus scheme which is still being developed.

The change in the economic policy of the government in the middle of the year caused a great improvement in the labour situation and a full staff was employed for most of the latter half of the year.

A new 50 cu. yd. Shelvoke and Drewry Pakamatic vehicle was acquired during the year and has been in service since August, and has enabled the service to continue to run without undue delays in collection.

### Vehicles

<u>Type</u>	<u>Cubic Yard</u>	<u>Petrol/ Diesel</u>	<u>Acquired</u>
1 Shelvoke and Drewry	18	Diesel	21.10.58
1 Shelvoke and Drewry	18	"	May 1960
1 Shelvoke and Drewry	18	"	Oct. 1960
1 Shelvoke and Drewry Pakamatic	50	"	Dec. 1964
1 do.	50	"	Aug. 1966
1 Fordson Dexta Tractor for refuse disposal			Apl. 1963
1 Bedford	3	"	6. 8. 65
1 Morris Commercial	10 cwt.	"	16. 6. 65

### Staff Establishment

1 Foreman  
6 Drivers  
1 Spare Driver/Loader  
1 Tractor Driver (for refuse disposal)  
18 Loaders  
1 Tip man

### Refuse Disposal

In October 1966, the use of the Tip at North Wroughton was discontinued and tipping commenced on a new site at Hannington. Considerable work was necessary on this site before tipping could commence. The area had to be cleared of trees and bushes, a stream piped, a private water supply diverted, an overhead electric cable diverted and a fence erected around the site.

The disused Tip at Wroughton was covered with top soil and clay which was bulldozed over it to prevent any nuisance from smell, vermin or insects. A search is still going on for a suitable site for a refuse disposal plant and a great deal of work has been done in this respect.

### Statistical Details

Number of premises from which collection is made	...	...	12,269
Area of District	...	...	48,549 acres
Method of collection	...	...	Weekly, kerbside
Method of disposal	...	...	Controlled Tip at Hannington

SECTION EIGHT:     PETROLEUM CONSOLIDATION ACT, 1928

The following Table gives the total quantity of petroleum spirit, cellulose and calcium carbide stored in the district, and also the number of licences issued.

PETROLEUM SPIRIT

	<u>Gallons</u>
Total quantity licensed for private users	37,295
Total quantity licensed for filling stations	135,250
TOTAL:	<u>172,545</u>
Number of Licences issued to Private Users	62
Number of Licences issued to Filling Stations	20
TOTAL:	<u>82</u>

The number of petroleum Licences, per parish, can be seen on the following table.

CELLULOSE

Total quantity licensed	...	...	6,120 gallons
Number of Licences issued	...	...	3

These Licences were all issued to private users as follows:-

Blunsdon	...	1	...	100 gallons
Stratton	...	2	...	6,020 "

CALCIUM CARBIDE

Total quantity licensed	...	91,952 lbs.
Number of Licences issued	...	3

These Licences were all issued to private users as follows:-

Chiseldon	...	1	...	2,240 lbs.
Highworth	...	1	...	112 "
Stratton	...	1	...	89,600 "

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NUMBER OF LICENCES ISSUED

PARISH	NUMBER OF LICENCES		QUANTITY STORED IN GALLONS		TOTAL STORED IN GALLONS
	FILLING STATIONS	PRIVATE STORES	FILLING STATIONS	PRIVATE STORES	
Bishopstone	-	7	-	2,300	2,300
Blunsdon	1	2	11,000	450	11,450
Castle Eaton	-	3	-	1,400	1,400
Chiseldon	3	7	18,500	2,450	20,950
Haydon Wick	1	1	9,000	250	9,250
Highworth	3	11	18,000	3,150	21,150
South Marston	1	2	10,000	5,195	15,195
Stanton Fitzwarren	-	1	-	250	250
Stratton St. Margaret	8	14	49,250	17,200	66,450
Wanborough	1	7	1,500	2,250	3,750
Wroughton	2	7	18,000	2,400	20,400
TOTAL:	20	62	135,250	37,295	172,545



## SECTION NINE:

## HOUSING

HOUSING STATISTICS FOR 1966

1.	Number of permanent dwellings in district at end of year	12,157
2.	Number of permanent dwellings in district owned by Local Authority	2,100
3.	Number of temporary dwellings in district owned by Local Authority	112
4.	Number of applications for Council houses at end of year (Live List)	339
5.	<u>Inspection of dwellings during year:</u>	
	i. Number of dwellings inspected under Public Health or Housing Acts	850
	ii. Number of dwellings found to be unfit	14
6.	Number of dwellings rendered fit in consequence of informal action	14
7.	<u>Action under Statutory Powers</u>	
	<u>A. Proceedings under Sections 9, 10, 12, Housing Act, 1957</u>	
	i. Number of dwellings where notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	Nil
	ii. Number of dwellings rendered fit after service of formal notices	
	a) by owners	Nil
	b) by Local Authority in default of owners	Nil
	<u>B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts</u>	
	i. Number of dwellings where formal notices were served	Nil
	ii. Number of dwellings made fit as a result of formal notices	
	a) by owners	Nil
	b) by Local Authority in default of owners	Nil
	<u>C. Proceedings under Section 16, Housing Act, 1957</u>	
	i. Number of Demolition Orders made	2
	ii. Number of dwellings demolished as a result of Demolition Orders	18
	iii. Number of undertakings accepted to make fit or not to re-let	2
	iv. Number of dwellings made fit as result of undertakings	1
	<u>D. Proceedings under Sections 42, 43, 46, 48, Housing Act, 1957</u>	
	i. Number of dwellings in clearance areas upon which demolition orders were made	Nil
	ii. Number of dwellings demolished as result of demolition orders	Nil
	iii. Number of dwellings in clearance areas which have been retained as temporary accommodation	Nil
	<u>E. Proceedings under Section 17, 18, 27, Housing Act, 1957, &amp; Section 26, Housing Act, 1961</u>	
	i. Number of dwellings where Closing Orders were made	Nil
	ii. Number of dwellings closed as a result of Closing Orders or undertakings by owners	Nil
	<u>F. Proceedings under Section 76, Housing Act, 1957</u>	
	i. Number of cases of overcrowding at end of year	Nil
	ii. Number of cases of overcrowding discovered during year	Nil
	iii. Number of cases of overcrowding abated during year	Nil

SUMMARY OF ACTION TAKEN UNDER THE  
HOUSING ACT, 1963/57

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DURING THE YEAR, 1965

Number of Demolition Orders made	...	2
Number of Closing Orders made	...	-
Number of Undertakings accepted	...	2
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TOTAL:		4
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Number of houses demolished	...	18
Number of Closing Orders lifted	...	-
Number of Undertakings cleared	...	3
Number of Demolition Orders revoked		-
Number of Closing Orders replaced by Demolition orders	... ..	-
Number licensed for temporary occup occupation	... ..	-
Number rendered uninhabitable and adapted for use as stores	...	-
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TOTAL:		21
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FROM 1945 - 1966

Number of Demolition Orders made	...	186
Number of Closing Orders made	...	25
Number of Undertakings accepted	...	110
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TOTAL:		321
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Number of houses demolished	...	196
Number of Closing Orders lifted	...	9
Number of Undertakings cleared	...	81
Number of Demolition Orders revoked		4
Number licensed for temporary occupation	... ..	3
Number rendered uninhabitable and adapted for use as stores	...	9
Number on which action is pending	...	19
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TOTAL:		321
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LOCAL AUTHORITY TEMPORARY  
DWELLINGS DEALT WITH

Closed or demolished	...	24 during 1963
Closed or demolished	...	76 during 1964
Closed or demolished	...	79 during 1965
Closed or demolished	...	113 during 1966
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TOTAL:		292
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STANDARD IMPROVEMENT GRANTS COMPLETED

FROM 1960 - 1965

<u>Year</u>	<u>Number of Grants</u>	<u>Amount of Grant</u> <u>Paid</u> <u>£</u>
1960	39	3,123
1961	34	2,778
1962	61	5,661
1963	33	3,940
1964	58	7,175
1965	30	4,235
1966	29	4,048
	<u>284</u>	<u>£ 30,960</u>

DISCRETIONARY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

Number of Discretionary Improvement Grants

Completed during 1966      ...      ...      8

Total value of Discretionary Improvement

Grants paid during 1966      ...      ...      £ 2,708

This brings the total number of Discretionary Improvement Grants completed from 1949 to 1966 to Two Hundred and sixty-three, and the value of grant paid during that period to £71,845.

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TYPES OF HOUSES OWNED BY THE HIGHWORTH

RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL AS AT THE 31ST DECEMBER 1966

Traditional

Post-war aged persons bungalows	...	117	
Pre-war houses	...	475	
Pre-war aged persons bungalows	...	27	
Wartime agricultural houses	...	8	
Post-war houses	...	399	
Post-war flats	...	75	
Experimental houses (Chick)	...	6	
Gregory Flats	...	8	
Warden scheme	...	21	
Disabled person's bungalows	...	2	
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			1,138

Non-Traditional

Reema aged persons bungalows	...	137	
Reema houses	..	367	
Reema flats	...	35	
Woolaway houses	...	76	
Cornish unit houses	...	120	
Cornish unit flats	...	48	
Airey houses	...	156	
Swedish timber houses	...	8	
Cornish unit aged persons bungalows		4	
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			951

Ministry of Aircraft Production Bungalows 112

Miscellaneous properties

Staff houses and flats	...	7	
Site houses	...	4	
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		TOTAL:	2,212
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HOUSING APPLICANTS - FAMILY DETAILS

TOTAL APPLICANTS on "Live List" as at 31.12.66 - 339

FAMILY DETAILS OF 141 A.P.B. APPLICANTS

Woman only	Man only	Woman & 1	Woman & 2	Man & 1
52	14	6	1	1

Man and Wife	Man/Wife & 1
59	8

FAMILY DETAILS OF 198 HOUSING APPLICANTS

Woman only	Man only	Woman & 1	Woman & 2	Woman & 3
10	3	4	2	3

Man and Wife	Man/Wife & 1	Man/Wife & 2
51	47	38

Man/Wife & 3	Man/Wife & 4	Man/Wife & 5	Man/Wife & 8
13	18	7	2

POST-WAR HOUSES : NUMBER COMPLETED YEARLY

YEAR	PRIVATE ENTERPRISE	C O U N C I L				TOTAL
		TRADITIONAL		NON-TRADITIONAL		
		FOR INDUSTRY	COUNCIL APPL.	FOR INDUSTRY	COUNCIL APPL.	
1946	15	-	6	-	8	29
1947	13	-	27	-	-	40
1948	9	-	37	-	46	92
1949	11	-	8	-	96	115
1950	9	-	18	-	54	81
1951	7	2	19	16	66	110
1952	23	5	17	34	71	150
1953	31	7	23	41	120	222
1954	97	12	16	52	16	193
1955	107	3	13	36	1	160
1956	98	31	41	56	66	292
1957	196	8	6	19	5	234
1958	252	-	-	-	5	257
1959	339	-	1	-	23	363
1960	370	-	6	-	30	406
1961	527	-	1	-	6	534
1962	397	-	-	-	40	437
1963	662	-	21	-	36	719
1964	917	-	Warden Scheme 55	-	22	994
1965	866	-	102	-	-	968
1966	724	-	133	-	-	857
TOTAL:	5,670	68	550	254	711	7,253







